



# CONGRESSMAN HENRY A. WAXMAN NEWS

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## WAXMAN BACKS TAX BREAK FOR SENIORS

Congressman Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles) is working to enact a change in the tax laws which would exempt people 62 years of age or older from paying taxes on interest up to \$3,000 a year. Waxman said the measure is needed to help older people cope with inflation and benefit more from the bank or savings and loan accounts.

He said,

"At current interest rates on saving accounts older people with up to about \$50,000 in savings would pay no tax on their interest. Those with larger savings accounts would be taxed only on interest after the first \$3,000 was excluded."

Waxman said the tax proposal would not only benefit seniors but would help the nation as a whole in the fight against inflation by encouraging savings.

"The rate of inflation is now more than double the rate of interest being paid by banks and savings and loans on passbook accounts. It is just wrong to cut those limited interest payments even further by making older people pay the tax on them. Older people are our largest single group of savers. Anything we do to encourage them to maintain and increase their savings benefits all of us."

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